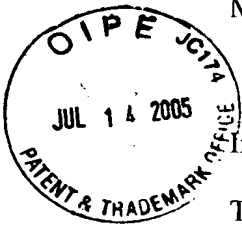


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In re Application of

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2005, Applicant submits the following Response for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicant notes that an Examiner's Interview Summary was mailed June 30, 2005, confirming that the finality of the Office Action mailed on April 14, 2005 was premature and that the finality has been withdrawn. Thus, the April 14, 2005 Office Action will be treated as a non-final Office Action.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Statement of the Substance of the Telephone Interviews begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

An **Appendix/Attachment** [including a copy of JP 09-072008 to Matsumoto which was published on December 12, 1997] is attached following page 25 of this paper.